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SUBJECT: DENTAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FOR SUDAN

1. DENTAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL (DHI), A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN ATHENS, GEORGIA WAS ASKED TO ASSIST WITH THE DENTAL PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN BY THE SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ON JANUARY 31, 1976. INITIAL CORRESPONDENCE ESTABLISHED THE INTEREST OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN A PROPOSED DENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOUR DENTISTS TO TRAIN SUDANESE DENTAL STUDENTS FOR 90 DAYS AND PROVIDE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DENTAL EQUIPMENT. IN RETURN, DHI REQUESTED WRITTEN CLEARANCES FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR THE FOUR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AS DENTISTS IN SUDAN FOR 90 DAYS AND FOR DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

2. ON JULY 16, 1976, DHI RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE SUDAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES THAT WRITTEN CLEARANCE FOR THE VOLUNTEERS TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY WOULD BE ISSUED AFTER RECEIPT OF THEIR CURRICULA VITAE. WHEN DHI STATED THAT THE CURRICULA VITAE COULD NOT BE SUBMITTED SO FAR AHEAD OF
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TIME, THE JUBA REGIONAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH AGREED TO ALLOW THE CURRICULA VITAE TO BE INSPECTED BY A FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SUDANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, MR. ABDUL HAMEED ABDEEN, INSTEAD OF FORWARDING THEM TO THE MINISTRY IN SUDAN. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF REPEATED SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM DHI TO DR. NOEL WARILLE, DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN REGION (JUBA) MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR WRITTEN CLEARANCES

FOR THE VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AND FOR ENTRY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, SUCH CLEARANCES HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING. DR. WARILLE CONTINUES TO RESPOND THAT THE PROGRAM IS DESIRED AND THAT THE MINISTRY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT OF THE DENTAL TEAM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COULD THE EMBASSY STRESS TO MIN HEALTH NEED TO OBTAIN WRITTEN CLEARANCES FOR FOUR VOLUNTEERS TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE SOUTHERN SUDAN FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS AND ALSO OBTAIN WRITTEN CLEARANCE FOR THE DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES? SPEED IS ESSENTIAL SO THE PROJECT CAN BEGIN BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF A GRANT WHICH PARTIALLY FUNDS THIS PROGRAM.

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